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MEXICO.

Certificate of immunity not to be issued at Progreso or Vera Cruz.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 26, 1902.

SIR : Referring to your letter of September 5, 1902, requesting information relative to the issuance of certificates of immunity to yellow fever, you are informed that the Service has never formally taken up the matter of immune certificates at Progreso, and does not care to do so. The issuance of such certificate from Cuba was instituted as a part of a general scheme to facilitate the entrance of passengers to the United States from that island ; (see art. 9, United States Quarantine Regulations, 1897), and other requirements were made at the same time. These requirements have not been enforced nor has any attempt been made to enforce them at the ports of Vera Cruz and Progreso ; therefore, the Bureau is unwilling to sanction the issuance of such certificates at either of these ports, this being considered a very important function, an error in regard to which might easily bring disaster. You will, therefore, issue no immune certificates hereafter.

Respectfully,

WALTER WYMAN,
Surgeon-General.

Act. Asst. Surg. E. T. HARGRAVE,
*Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service,
United States Consulate, Progreso, Mexico.*

Report from Tampico.

TAMPICO, MEXICO, September 22, 1902.

SIR : I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract of the bills of health issued at this office for the week ended September 20, 1902. There was officially recorded during this period a total of 17 deaths, due to the following causes: Malaria, 4 ; pneumonia, 4 ; enteritis, 1, and miscellaneous, 8. The sanitary condition of the port and vicinity continues unchanged.

Respectfully,

JOS. GOLDBERGER,
Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

Yellow fever in Tampico.

[Telegram.]

TAMPICO, MEXICO, September 26, 1902.

WYMAN, Washington, D. C.:

One yellow fever dead this morning ; 1 convalescing infection in city.
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GOLDBERGER.

Report from Vera Cruz—Prevalence of mosquitoes.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, September 14, 1902.

SIR : I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended September 13. There were reported 17 cases and 2 deaths from yellow fever, and 54 deaths from all causes. Pernicious fever, 3 deaths ; remittent, 9, and tuberculosis, 6 deaths, were some of the items of the weekly mortality list. No sickness has been reported in the harbor, although the crews of the vessels complain of many mosquitoes. Upon inspection I have found that the fatigans predominate and come aboard